

FACTS, FICTION AND FANCIES OF INTEREST TO WASHINGTON WOMEN

TWO SCHOOLS IN FAIR CONDITION

No Overcrowding at Present In Wallach-Towers Group.

FURNITURE OBSOLETE

Special Safeguards Insure Protection for Children Attending Kindergarten.

Children attending the Wallach-Towers group are among the very few of the city who can go to school in the District today under conditions which, though not ideal, are not overcrowded. This group is composed of two schools located on the square bounded by Pennsylvania avenue and C street and Seventh and Eighth streets southeast. It is this arrangement which makes it possible to overcome any overcrowding and tends toward ideal administrative conditions.

The two buildings are operated as one and under the supervision of one principal, whose headquarters is in the Wallach building, one of the very old school buildings of the city, having been erected some fifty years ago.

The Wallach School is a fourteen-room building, with no assembly hall or any of the special features considered necessary in the modern education of grade children. For instance, children of this school have to go some distance to the R. R. French Manual Training School, at Seventh and G streets southeast, to take up manual training, sewing and cooking. This is declared to be a very unsatisfactory method, resulting in much loss of time to the students.

As a part of the group, the Wallach School is used only for classes above the fourth grade. The classes numbering four and below are taught in the Towers School.

Seating-Room Nearly Adequate.

The Wallach School has a seating capacity of 625 children, while those on the rolls when the semi-monthly count was taken on Friday was only 558. However, in the Towers School, where the seating capacity is only 251 children, there were 485 on the rolls. However, this is not a serious situation there, as most of the grades now housed in that building are the first and second, which, by law, are allowed to go to school for a half day, thus permitting of the double use of the rooms.

Even with this arrangement there are no signs of overcrowding in the group which are required to take their education in half-day doses. While the situation here cannot be said to be crowded at the present time, there is a probability that there will be a pressure in February in some of the classes, probably the eighth grade.

The section of the city covered by these schools has practically no all built up and no great increase can be looked for due to increased building operations. If there is any serious pressure in coming years, it will undoubtedly be due to the necessity of children coming to this school from other nearby sections which are even now overcrowded and where the conditions will be worse, due to increased building.

The Wallach-Towers group is one of the very few instances in the local school system where somebody looked away ahead of the times. The government bought the whole block and there is plenty of room for an extension without the necessity of purchasing additional ground for building purposes.

Kindergarten Well Arranged.

In the Wallach School, where there is a kindergarten, the children attending it have been especially looked after. They have a special entrance which keeps them away from the older boys and girls. Their room is within a foot of an exit, making it possible to get them out in a hurry in case of emergency. Special facilities have been put in for their safety and comfort.

But both buildings have their drawbacks. In the Wallach, particularly, there is serious need for much repair work. The walls of many of the rooms are badly in need of attention. Leaks in the roof have even made the walls unsafe in many places, but repeated requests to make the rooms more sanitary have so far gone unheeded, due to lack of sufficient funds.

In both the Wallach and Towers buildings, the classroom furniture is obsolete, most of the desks being of the nonadjustable type so much used in the modern public school building. The rooms of the Wallach are all bright and exposed on two sides, as are also the rooms in the Towers.

But the basements are dark and unsatisfactory for the use of the children. They have, however, ample outdoor playgrounds and their use is encouraged rather than that of the indoor playgrounds.

Large Assembly Hall Needed.

When the children of this group have a celebration of any kind they have to use the small auditorium of the Eastern High School located on the same lot. It has been suggested that the high school building could be used as an addition to this group, if the proposed Eastern High building is provided. However, there is a belief that the present high school, when vacated, will be used for one of the junior high schools which have become a feature of the local public educational system.

What is mainly needed for this group, aside from new furniture and repairs to the classrooms, is an assembly hall large enough for all the children and additional rooms for the special studies, such as wood working, sewing and cooking.

The Woodridge "School" will be described. It is a school made up of a number of portables and located at Woodridge, D. C., covering the territory north of Washington and east of Brookland.

IF YOU WISH PEACE ON SEA OF MATRIMONY, STAY IN YOUR CLASS

By DOROTHY DIX
The Highest-paid Woman Writer in the World.

A young man asked me if I can tell him how to go about choosing a wife.

The first bit of advice that I should give a man contemplating matrimony is to sit down and have a quiet session with himself, and try to find out just what qualities he desires in the woman who is to be his life companion. Let him classify his own preferences, and then go out and seek a maiden who fills the bill.

Certainly it is rank idiocy for a man to marry without having taken the trouble to find out the sort of a wife he wants—whether he desires his wife to be a society woman, or a home keeper, whether a saver or a spender, whether he prefers to sing hymns with a pious wife, or to go to the races with a sporty one. Now the world is full of charming girls, any one of whom would make some man a good, suitable wife, and the trick is, for each man to find his own partner, instead of getting the other fellow's and having to go through the divorce court in order to exchange.

Success in marriage is merely a question of getting into your own class, and staying there. Suppose, for instance, a man is a sensible, practical man who likes a well-regulated life, run on schedule time. Let him go wooing among the business women. The business woman is level-headed and reasonable, and her husband is guaranteed against hysterics, and unfounded jealous reproaches. She has learned to look at life as it is, and not to demand the impossible. She knows that a man whose mind is cluttered with weighty affairs, and whose hands are full of a big deal, should not waste his energies on foolish household errands. Therefore she will not ask her husband to stop on his way downtown to match a piece of elephant's breath chain, nor will she expect him to snuggle the baby at night, when it has the colic.

The business woman is also a good choice for the ambitious man who wants to get on in his business and have an A-1 rating. Instead of having earned money herself, she knows its value, and that every dollar is baptized in blood. She will not be hoodwinked by servants, and she will not let her husband feel the fret and stress of business that wears the strongest nerves to fiddling, she will be more tolerant of a man's impotence, and easier to get along with than the purely domestic woman who thinks that going down to the office every day is nothing but a picnic.

But the business woman is no wife for the conceited man because she is accustomed to forming her own opinions and acting on her own judgment, and no man is a little tin God to her. Nor is she the wife for the domestic tyrant for she has celebrated her Fourth of July Declaration of Independence and let's no man tell her when to get off, or where she gets on. Neither will she suit the stingy man for she has experienced the joys of her own pocket-book and will insist on a fair divide of the family income.

The man who is fussy about his eating and who likes to dress the salad at the table and has his own chafing dish recipes should marry a domestic girl who likes to cook. They could never really bore each other.

perplexing and interwoven is really a favorite name for rural maidens, and the poets bestowed it upon the simple rustic charmers to whom they wrote odes and roundels. Phoebe's virtues are extolled in "The Rural Maid":

"Her homespun dress in simple neatness lies,
And for no glaring equipage she sighs;
Her reputation which is all her boast,
In a malicious visit ne'er was lost;
No midnight masquerade her beauty wears;
And health, not paint, the fading bloom repairs."

Crystal is Phoebe's talismanic jewel. It's clear translucent beauty is believed to intensify the purity and virtue of its wearer. To dream of it signifies true friends. Monday is Phoebe's lucky day and seven her fortunate number.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Facts about your name; its history; its meaning; whence it was derived; its significance; your lucky day and lucky jewel.

By MILDRED MARSHALL

PHOEBE.

Phoebe, quaintest and most charming of names, was first in use among women of Greek birth in the Roman empire. It is derived from Phoebus, the sun god, or Apollo, and signifies sunny temperament.

According to Greek mythology, the original Phoebe was the daughter of Gaia. According to a tradition adopted by Aeschylus, she bequeathed the Delphic oracle to Apollo, son of her daughter, Leto. Poetic license calls the moon personified "Phoebe." "Phoebe, our sister," the deaestress of Genchrea, was commanded by Saint Paul to the Roman; but she has few namesakes except in England, where she typifies the quaint, old fashioned type so popular with British writers and poets.

The Italian Febe refers only to the moon and is rarely used as a proper name. It was in reference to the noble qualities of the huntress goddess of the moon that Spenser named his lovely Belphoebe, as he also called his other warlike heroine, Britomartis, an individual, who later became identified with Artemis, the moon goddess. At times, of course, is the Italian Diana, and Diana, as the sister of Apollo, was frequently called Phoebe, so the relationship, seemingly so

SOUTHERN SKIES SMILE ON SUCH CREATIONS



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Blossoms and fruits combine with straw and silk to make these hats.

Virginia Lee's Personal Answers To Herald Readers' Questions

There is no denying that novelties have a certain charm for the feminine eye. Various types of inexpensive, though unique, jewelry have held sway over the feminine pocketbook strings at various times, though they have given away recently to the "vanity" craze. These compact little affairs, greatly improved since their first appearance have served their time and are now ranked among the necessities of a perfect toilet. And so it happens we step aside to usher in a new craze.

Probably it comes under the head of novelty jewelry, but it did not gain its start in that way. Beads became a very popular trimming last fall, being used lavishly on everything from evening clothes to rather severe little woolen street frocks, and as the season advanced they became more and more conspicuous.

Deep beaded fringe, either single or double, finished many a tunic on afternoon or evening gown, and long chains of beads hang loosely from the shoulders of formal gowns to a point under the arm as low as the hips.

Necklaces formed by odd beads are meeting favor, and long earrings in the novelty line are very popular with the younger girls and matrons. Several girls who have found it impossible to purchase necklaces and earrings to match in just the right color have purchased necklaces with several long pendants and had earrings made from the pendants, leaving the necklace proper intact.

A new spring hat, recently created in a New York shop, has a foundation of black beaded cellophane cloth. It was so fashioned that it rose to a peak at the top and hung low over the ears in true Egyptian style. The jet chain, which extended across the front, was weighted at each side by heavy jet earrings. A wide fringe of chintilly lace turned back from the edge all the way 'round.

TO PREVENT CAKE STICKING.

Baking tins rusted from nonuse may be cleaned by rubbing the spots with a piece of paper dipped in flour.

If you have trouble with your cakes sticking in spite of greasing the pans well, try dusting the pans lightly with flour after they are greased, and see how easily the cake comes out.

PREVENT BUSHY EYEBROWS.

Bushy eyebrows may be prevented by the teaching of a simple habit to childhood. When a child first learns to wash his own face, he should be taught to wash one side of the face at a time, always washing away from the nose. This allows the eyebrows to grow correctly and gives them a well-cared-for look.

NEW USE FOR RAZOR BLADE.

To remove paint from window panes scrape them with an old safety-razor blade and the paint will shave off easily without scratching the glass.

The Head Nurse Says:

Dear Miss Lee: I am a young girl and am in love with a man who is eight years older than myself. I love him dearly and am quite certain that he loves me. Now have a great many boy friends, but this man is the one I like best. I have told him that I love him and he has said that he loves me too. I have told him that I love him and he has said that he loves me too. I have told him that I love him and he has said that he loves me too.

Taking the Temperature

Learn to take the temperature. That of the normal human in health is 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit, but may register a trifle lower in the early morning. The use of the thermometer is very simple, and when correctly used, the patient will greatly aid the doctor in determining the course of treatment. A clinical thermometer may be purchased at any drug store or surgical instrument house. The mercury, unlike that used for atmospheric tests, remains stationary at the point where it last registered, so it must be shaken down and carefully examined each time before taking the patient's temperature.

For the patient who is perfectly conscious the best way to proceed is to clean off the thermometer with some m'd antiseptic such as listerine or alcohol and place the bulb under the tongue. Tell the patient to close his lips tightly upon it to hold it in place. It should remain in the mouth from one to five minutes, according to the kind or instrument it is. It will be plainly marked whether it is a one, three or five-minute thermometer. The reason it is important to know how to take a temperature is that together with other obvious symptoms of threatened illness, the home nurse will be able to make a more intelligent report to the doctor when she calls him to "come over and see Johnny."

Variations in temperature up to 100 degrees are not usually cause for alarm, but it is the duty of the nurse to determine the temperature only and leave its interpretation to the doctor. The very ill patient who may lapse into unconsciousness, or the small child, must have the temperature taken by rectum or under the arm. The former registers higher than by mouth, the latter lower.

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REMODELING A WIFE

A Story of Married Life Where the Husband Would Be a Creator
By MILDRED K. BARBOUR.
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X—The Bride's Dinner Party.

Within the next few days, Doris was able to adjust herself to her new environment by the simple process of effacing any individual effort. To be inconspicuous was to be safe, was the subconscious conclusion at which she arrived. For the first time in her life she questioned her own judgment. The little incident of the party of her honeymoon, was the first break in the foundation of her assurance and countless succeeding instances that each day brought forth, added to the widening cleft. When a woman is brought to doubt her own judgment, she invariably makes a wrong decision in every crisis.

It was with this sense of helplessness that Doris went downstairs to her first dinner party. Carrington's younger sister and her husband and several intimate friends of the family had been asked informally to meet the bride. A large dinner dance in compliment to the newly married pair was being planned by Mrs. Durand for the first social event of the autumn.

Her mirror had told Doris that she was lovely in the gleaming gown purchased in New York. She wore the diamond pendant, Carrington had given her on her wedding day and her eyes challenged its brilliance. But the fluctuating color in her cheeks and her hesitant, half-smiling manner bespoke of inward confusion.

"By Jove, Stewart's a fool for luck!" declared George Durand, flashing her an admiring glance, as he offered his arm at the foot of the stairs.

"Do you really think so?" his brother's wife asked so earnestly that he sobered instantly and regarded her with curious intensity. He liked the pretty little thing with her half-shy, wholly adorable smile, and Doris was gratefully fond of him. He was big and jolly and teased her quite like the boys at home. He never talked to her on the puzzling topics that interested the supercilious Carringtons.

"Doesn't Stewart tell you how beautiful you are?" he questioned benignly. "If that matter-of-fact brother-in-law of mine is so lacking in gallantry, you just come to me, Doris, and I'll rave about your eyelashes to your heart's content."

Doris smiled uncertainly and turned away to greet Juliet and Juliet's quiet, self-effacing husband.

Juliet Crosby was as glowing and individual as her older sister was a product of carefully molded repression. She wore a vivid evening gown with the same dash that she carried a scarlet coat riding to the hounds. There were no jewels about her, no kissed throat and her hair, unbound by wave or net, seemed to radiate shine and vitality.

"How do you do it?" she greeted Doris enviously. "Here the summer is almost gone and you're wearing a peach and cream complexion. Child, where are your freckles and tan?"

"I always wear a hat in the sun," Doris replied literally. "Mamma says she was about to say that mamma considered summer carelessness with delicate skins unsavory, but some quality about Juliet checked her, and she substituted, 'Mamma said that I'd run in my family.'"

"Dear me, what luck!" Juliet murmured indifferently. "Have you met Mrs. Stevenson and her daughter?"

She led Doris to a deep window seat where a lady was ensconced in an ornate conversation with Carrington. "Here is the bride, Althea," she presented Doris with a sweepingly exaggerated bow. "Mrs. Stevenson Stevenson's first love, Doris, so beware!"

The lady on the window seat rose with a melodious laugh like the cool tinkle of ice in a frosty glass. She seemed to enhance the contrast of her smooth skin showed no faint sign of age, nor her copper-colored hair. Her eyes reflected the shade of her bizarre green evening gown, which seemed to enhance the translucent pallor of her flesh and the unnatural scarlet of her mouth.

"How absurd of Juliet," she said with the cool, smooth infection she had in her. "I'm sure my married daughter to prove how innocent I am of the charge."

The daughter proved to be a physical replica of the mother with the same divine gift of charm omitted by the Master Hand. Doris liked the slim girl instantly, but she felt in her heart that she could hate Mrs. Stevenson.

She had arrived at a bride's first acquaintance with her husband's past.

Tomorrow—A Disturbing Matron.

HOROSCOPE.

"The stars incline, but do not compel."
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"The stars incline, but do not compel." Astrologers read this as an important day in planetary direction, but the signs are promising. Venus and Jupiter are both in benefic aspect.

There is prospect of large business enterprises or national organizations in which women are the sole managers, the stars declare, and one of these will accomplish great things in the business and professional field.

Venus is in a place believed to fore-shadow great increase in the number of young married women who work outside the home in clerkships or learned vocations.

In this new year the relation of women to the commercial world will be a subject of widespread discussion and will arouse anxiety about the future of the children of this class in America.

Again changes in domestic customs that will overturn old traditions are prognosticated. Many communicative experiments seem to be indicated.

This rule should be an auspicious one for all who deal in women's luxuries, but a reaction against cosmetics will be apparent among fashionable girls.

Again the seers prophesy that the pendulum will swing back to the standards of other days when modesty in dress and demeanor were demanded.

Jupiter offers high hopes to lawyers. Great honors will come to a judge.

Warning is given that gambling will greatly decrease and speculation will be prevalent.

California is subject to a planetary government that is most advanced.

PLANT MAILED IN CAN.

A new use for empty coffee cans or large-sized baby powder tins is to make of them mailing containers for growing plants. A plant may be enclosed in such a can, with enough soil to keep the roots moist. It should be watered slightly just before sending. Clearly addressed on the outside of the can and completely enclosed, the plant should reach its destination in good condition.

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